and within countries. The Report ranks countries by the level of diffusion of technology in each country as per a Technology Achievement Index (TAI). The Report recognises India as home to a world class technology hub in Bangalore and classifies it among dynamic adopters.

India's rank in the Human Development Index (HDI) is 115 among 162 countries and territories ranked by the UNDP's HDR for 2001. The ranks of our South Asian neighbours on the HDI are : Bangladesh - 132, Bhutan - 130, Maldives - 77, Nepal - 129, Pakistan - 127 and Sri Lanka - 81.

India has also improved its Human Poverty Index (HPI) rank from 58 out of 85 countries in HDR 2000 to 55 out of 90 in HDR 2001. The ranks of some of our South Asian neighbours in HPI are Bangladesh - 73, Maldives - 25, Nepal - 77, Pakistan - 65 and Sri Lanka-31.

India's HDI value has improved from 0.406 in 1975 to 0.510 in 1990 and 0.571 in 1999. The bulk of the improvement in the HDI in the 1990s has been due to the improvements in the income component of the index. Social development indicators did also improve during the last few years but their rate of improvement has not kept pace with that of GDP per capita expressed in terms of Purchasing Power Parity. This is especially true of life expectancy, infant mortality rate, adult literacy and the combined enrolment ratio.

The Social sector has received greater thrust in the last few years, especially elementary education and family welfare. They will also continue to be among the priority sectors during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Industrial Relations Bill

†*542 SHRI GOPAL SINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to bring a new Industrial Relations Bill after effecting amendments in Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, to promote friendly relations between workers and employers;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed amendments;

(c) by when the new Bill is likely to be introduced; and

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether the suggestions from the workers organisations would also be included?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA) : (a) to (c) The proposal to bring a Bill for carrying out amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act. 1947 has been under examination of the Government. the details of which are still to be finalised.

(d) Comprehensive amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act. 1947 will be brought.about after taking into consideration the suggestions of all social partners which also include the workers.

Warehouse capacity in Orissa

*543. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS. FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the warehousing capacity created in Orissa during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether any steps have been taken in this regard in the State during Ninth Plan;

(c) the demand made by the State Government in this regard during the last three years: and

(d) the action taken thereon in view of recurring natural calamities experienced by the State?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR) : (a) According to available information, 61,180 MT storage capacity was created in the State of Orissa during the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) as per details given below :

(capacity in MT)

Agency	Capacity created
FCI	26,680
CWC	6,300
Orissa State Civil Supplies Corporation	13,000
Orissa State Warehousing Corporation	15,200
TOTAL	61,18